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Obama stands firm on tax after Boehner talks

Redford, Michigan (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said Monday he was ready to compromise "a little bit" to head off a tax and austerity crisis, but warned he would not budge on making the rich pay more.

Obama took his campaign to hike rates on the wealthy to a factory floor in Michigan, a day after he met House Speaker John Boehner, his top Republican foe on the "fiscal cliff" showdown for secret White House talks.

Unless Obama and Boehner strike a deal to head

off \$500 billion dollars in tax hikes and savage spending cuts by January 1, all Americans will face higher taxes next year and experts fear the US economy will dip into recession.

A temporary cut to payroll taxes and unemployment benefits will expire at the same time, and Obama is also calling on Congress to raise the government's borrowing limit from its ceiling of \$16.4 trillion which will be hit shortly.

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Aruba's "Oscars"-The Shoco Award Winners 2012



All the winners with Minister Oduber

Since 2005, the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, (AHATA), has been conducting an annual awards presentation for outstanding excellence in the tourism industry at all levels. This recognition of those who are "in the front lines" of this important pillar of the island economy are the Shoco Awards, named for Aruba's national bird.

In 2011, the Ministry of Tourism under Minister Otmar Oduber, nationalized the awards, expanding the recognition of service and achievement beyond only members of AHATA. On Sunday evening, December 9, with sponsors AHATA, Aruba Tourism Authority

(ATA,) Aruba Airport Authority (AAA,) Aruba Airlines, Digicel and CMB Bank, they hosted a glamorous Shoco Awards 2012 gala at the Renaissance Convention Center, which moderators Erin Croes and Ruben Trappenberg compared to the famous "Oscar" and "Emmy" Awards.

Guiding winners to the stage were a bevy of beautiful models showcasing a new line of sandals and resort wear called "Arubianas" by Venezuelan fashion designer Eva Zissu, with island partners Eva Wever and George Arends. They featured the Shoco and Aruban flag design.

Winners were announced in seven standard categories for outstanding performance in the tourism industry and

newly established last year, Taxi Driver. Recognition was also given in two categories for individuals not nominated, but singled out by the Ministry of Tourism for their exceptional dedication, which unintentionally put them in the spotlight.

They were Special Recognitions for Excellence in Tourism-Wilfredo Dirksz and the recipient of the Simon Oduber Jr. Award of Excellence, "for Meetings and Incentive groups (MICE) as well as efforts in the area of sustainability," Angelo Tromp of the ATA.

THE SHOCO AWARD WINNERS OF 2012 ARE:

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Employee of the Year Fanny Partido with Jim Hepple of AHATA



Lifetime Achievement Award recipient: Adwina Arends with Minister Oduber



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Taxi driver of the Year: Alfredo Cirilio

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Simon Oduber Jr Winner
Angelo Tromp

bettering Aruba's economy through its tourism product. They are individuals who have demonstrated and generated a sincere enthusiasm for Aruba as a destination and have made major contributions to the island's success. This year's recipient is Adwina Arends, working with the ATA, who has been a singular figure within the industry for four decades. Her heartfelt acceptance speech, in both Papiamento and English, where she declared "where ever I am, my heart is always in Aruba and Aruba is in my heart," garnered resounding applause.

This year's winners each received, along with their beautiful trophies, a pair of Shoco sandals from Arubianas, and an airline ticket from Aruba's newest native air carrier, Aruba Airlines, for any destination in their roster, as well as a gift from Digicel Mobile and Internet Service, which has been the principal sponsor of the Shoco Awards for several years.

By Rosalie Klein Special Recognition Wilfredo Dirksz



Young Professional Juan Carlos Solis with 2011 Lifetime winner Gerrit Griffith



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Shorn locks shore up HIV/AIDS awareness on Aruba



Organizer Ryan Maduro and raffle prize from Mediocosmetics



Revlon Matrix hair care

On Sunday, December 9, the Aruba HIV/AIDS Task Force hosted a day of "Hair Stylists for HIV/AIDS" at the Cas di Cultura, sponsored by Mediocosmetics Agency and

products.

Fifteen island hairdressers signed up for the volunteer program, which included a morning of education about the status of HIV/AIDS and prevention. They can promulgate the information through their extensive network of colleagues and clients. This initiative was tested internationally in other countries through the UNAIDS program, and found to be extremely effective.

From 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM, islanders were invited to get professional haircuts from volunteer stylists for the donated entrance fee of only 5 Arubian florins (\$2.75.) Hair cutters worked in 2 hour shifts handling well over 70 heads before the end of the day. The day began with Sonia of Alpha Beauty Salon, Rober from Chofi and Henry of Cache, who was also an organizer, taking on clients.

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No fines for early use of 2013 vehicle registration plates

The Aruba Police Force has issued a bulletin informing the general public that in relation to the early issuance of the 2013 number plates; they have agreed together with the Tax Bureau to not levy any fines for the early use of these 2013 number plates.

In other words, anyone who affixes the 2013 number plates to his vehicle before January 1st, 2013, clearly indicates that he has paid the required taxes and as such there will be no reason to levy a fine for this early use of the plates.

However, the Police have issued this strong warning

that every one remains personally responsible to ensure that no miss-use is made of the old plates removed from the vehicle. The owner of those old plates must make certain that those old plates do not fall into the hands of others who might make wrongful use of them. Should anyone break the law through the use of the old plates, the first person that the authorities will summons will be the owner of the plates.

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**"He who has not Christmas
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under a tree."**

— Roy L. Smith

Cas di Glas 2012 with Flora's Santa Claus Caminata

The 5K walk with which the fundraising event called Cas di Glas 2012 opens bears the name Flora's Santa Claus Caminata. The idea behind it is that 500 participants, all dressed like Santa Clauses, will take a walk along the hi-rise strip. The walk and Santa suits are sponsored by Flora, the premier home and garden center on the island, and the entire registration fee, the suit included, of AWG. 25. -- (or \$ 15. --) goes towards the charity of this year's event, Wit Gele Kruis Aruba, in particular towards the elderly on the island. Registration is already open, so get your Santa suit at Flora, Idefre, Taste of Belgium Restaurant, CILO City Lounge

or Le Bistro at the Paseo Herencia Mall and come and walk along. Flora's Santa Claus Caminata is held on December 12; the start is at 5.30 - registration is open at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall on Wednesday from 4 pm on.

Several companies have already bought a number of suits, among them Aruba Bank. And, do you know, Santa suits are really hot this year, the latest

fashion! The suits come complete with beard, so you don't need a few days' time to let your own beard grow.

For more information about Cas di Glas (held from December 12 -16), the activities, the artists that are performing and much more, please look at FB or surf to www.casdiglas.com.

Photo shows some very tired Santas - they have been sewing the costumes for the caminata like crazy!



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Important information regarding safe sex, "coming out" to family members, and understanding feeling of same sex orientation was distributed by volunteers. Mediocosmetics provided additional fundraising items in the form of make up at bargain prices and surprise good bags of cosmetics. A fashion show was also arranged, featuring glamorous holiday regalia from several shops on Aruba.

World AIDS Day is December 1 of every year since 1995. It is dedicated to raising awareness and reminding the public that HIV/AIDS, though now controlled through anti-retroviral therapy once contracted, is still climbing in numbers annually, and a global pandemic.

Though breakthroughs are allowing HIV/AIDS sufferers to live longer, more productive lives, there is still no cure for the disease. Those who have contracted it are still vulnerable to the many deadlier infections and diseases that finally cause death. Just because it isn't in the headlines as in the past, those who are sexually active, not matter their orientation, should be as cautious as ever about practicing safe sex. The disease has crossed gender stereotypes and the number of women with HIV/AIDS nearly equals that of men.

Aruba's HIV/AIDS Task Force report they were pleased with the response they had from volunteer hairdressers for this year's event. They expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Mediocosmetics for their unqualified support of this important program.

By Rosalie Klein

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The government is decisive about avoiding every possible risk with respect to the health of our citizens on our roads. For this reason they welcomed The Netherlands' gift of two ambulances to help provide optimal ambulance service to the community during the interim while new ambulances are on their way to the island.

The Netherlands, keeping up with the excellent relationship which exists between the



two countries, has decided to send us two used ambulances which reportedly are in good condition. IMSAN's staff is now in the process of revising and comparing these vehicles to ensure that they comply with our local norms

and standards. It is from this point on they can determine their use. They will determine whether they could be used for emergency cases or for the transportation of patients.

IMSAN has long begun the process of ordering two brand new ambulances from the USA based on the international requirements applicable here on Aruba.

The ambulances on Aruba are in 24 hour constant use and for the most part for emergency cases. Because

these vehicles are so heavily used they tend to break down much faster. The government is doing their utmost to improve the system and to promote more preventive maintenance.

Thus far, the government has invested much in the human aspect of our Ambulance services. Specialized nurses have been added to the onboard ambulance services, extra training courses were offered to actualize the staff with the latest in patient care in emergency situations. In

the past even lightly injured patients were transported by ambulance to the emergency clinic. Today, with the updated training they are equipped to stabilize such patients on site without having to transport them to the clinic if this is not necessary.

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Obama stands firm on tax after Boehner talks

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Obama wants to extend tax cuts dating from the George W. Bush era to be extended for 98 percent of Americans, but to let rates rise on individuals earning more than \$200,000 a year and families pulling in \$250,000.

Republicans are demanding cuts to social programs in return.

"I have said I will work with Republicans on a plan on economic growth, job creation and reducing our deficits that has some compromises between Republicans and Democrats," Obama said.

"I am willing to compromise a little bit," he said, but added any long-term solution to America's deficit problem must not forestall investment in roads, infrastructure and education that will boost the economy's competitiveness.

"We make some tough spending cuts on some things that we don't need and then we ask the wealthiest Americans to pay a slightly higher tax rate."

"That's a principle I won't compromise on ... because I am not going to have a situa-

tion where the wealthiest among us, including folks like me get to keep all our tax breaks."

The White House maintained a news blackout on talks with Boehner on averting the "fiscal cliff," sticking to Sunday's statement from both sides that "lines of communication remain open."

This week is seen as crucial in the wrangle, as time is running out for a deal to be sealed and packaged into bills that Congress could pass before Christmas.

Obama made his first offer to avert the fiscal cliff by offering \$1.6 trillion in new tax revenues over the next decade, mainly from higher tax rates on the wealthiest two percent of Americans.

In their counter-offer, Republicans included a plan for \$800 billion in tax revenue raised through closing loopholes and ending some deductions.

Obama argues that only by raising rates will enough revenue be raised to put the United States on a path to genuine deficit reduction.

Strauss-Kahn strikes secret deal to end US sex case

NEW YORK (AFP) - Former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn on Monday agreed a financial settlement with a New York hotel maid who had accused him of sexual assault.

A judge ordered that details of the deal between Strauss-Kahn and Nafissatou Diallo, a 33-year-old illiterate migrant from Guinea, be kept confidential.

Diallo said the one-time French presidential hopeful emerged naked from the bathroom of the hotel suite she was cleaning and forced her to perform oral sex. Strauss-Kahn said the acts were consensual.

Strauss-Kahn's lawyers have dismissed reports that the maid would receive several million dollars, but experts have said a substantial payment is the norm in such a case.

Strauss-Kahn, 63, was not in New York for the hearing. He is also under investigation over other scandals in his native France, but Monday's accord enables him to close at least one chapter.

Diallo, a widowed mother of a teenage daughter, emerged from more than a year in hiding to attend the 10-minute hearing before Judge Douglas McKeon.

Ecuador says asylum for Assad not ruled out

Sao Paulo (AFP) - Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa, in an interview published here Monday, said his country would consider granting asylum to his embattled Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad.

"Any person that requests asylum in Ecuador, obviously we are going to consider as a human being whose basic rights we have to respect," he told the daily Folha de Sao Paulo.

He confirmed that Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Fayssal Mekdad visited Quito two weeks ago but denied Israeli press reports that a possible asylum for Assad and his family was discussed during the visit.

"Ecuador will never favor violence...Can we believe all those news stories on violence, the dictator? Let's remember what was said about Iraq," he added.

Last week, Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino denied that Assad had been offered asylum.

Afterwards, outside the court, she said: "I thank everyone who supports me. I thank God, and God bless you all." She was then driven off in the rain.

Diallo has also settled a separate action against the New York Post tabloid, McKeon said. The newspaper had alleged after the sex assault case erupted that Diallo was a prostitute.

Her lawyer Kenneth Thompson called Diallo a "courageous woman who never lost faith in our system of justice. With this resolution she can now move on with her life."

Desmond Tutu takes UNESCO human rights prize

PARIS (AFP) - Archbishop Desmond Tutu was Monday awarded the UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for "his exceptional contribution to building a universal culture of human rights at the national, regional and international levels."

The jury highlighted the role he played in building the new non-racial South Africa and his contribution as head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to national reconstruction which became a model for other post-conflict societies, UNESCO said in a statement.

Tutu's daughter was in the UN cultural organisation's Paris headquarters to receive the award on behalf of her father.

Brazil's Rousseff to make first official France visit



cussion, said a French foreign ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity in Paris.

Although the official schedule makes no mention of Brazil's bid to buy 36 multi-purpose jets to modernize its air force -- a multi-billion dollar deal -- the issue has been at the center of bilateral talks in recent years.

The Rafale fighter, built by French firm Dassault Aviation, is up against the US aviation giant Boeing's F/A-18 Super Hornet and Swedish manufacturer Saab's Gripen for a contract valued at between \$4 billion and \$7 billion.

In addition to technology transfer, Brazil, the world's sixth largest economy, wants some of the jet fighters to be assembled in this country, which according to some analysts might favor the Rafale.

But Boeing is said to be offering a better price.

International News

Israel rejects EU outcry over new settlements



JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday scoffed at international criticism of his plans to build settler housing on occupied land east of Jerusalem.

Speaking to foreign journalists, he compared the E1 plan to build between largely Arab east Jerusalem and the West Bank settlement of Maaleh Adumin, to the accepted goal of a Palestinian state embracing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"I don't understand how people say that a Palestinian state cannot exist if Maaleh Adumim is connected to Jerusalem," he said.

"The European Union is deeply dismayed by and strongly opposes Israeli plans to expand settlements in the West Bank, including in east Jerusalem, and in particular plans to develop the E1 area," the 27 EU foreign ministers said in a statement.

The E1 plan "if implemented, would seriously undermine the prospects of a negotiated resolution of the conflict" as it would question the viability of the two-state settlement central to the peace process.

An Israeli foreign ministry statement said that the EU position was "one-sided".

"Facts and history both prove that Jewish settlement never constituted an obstacle to peace," it said.

"The root cause of the absence of a peace accord is the Palestinian refusal to engage in direct negotiations and their unwillingness to recognise Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people," it added.

Direct peace talks which began in September 2010 collapsed quickly in a dispute over settlements, with the Palestinians calling for a construction freeze and Israel arguing for a return to talks without such preconditions.



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch football linesman Richard Nieuwenhuizen who died a week ago after he was assaulted at the end of a youth game was cremated yesterday. A hearse carrying Nieuwenhuizen's body arrived at a crematorium in Almere, just west of Amsterdam where it drove through a guard of honour of some 400 youth players of Nieuwenhuizen's Buitenboys Club, the NOS public broadcaster said. It showed images of young players dressed in the club's official blue and white colours, throwing red roses and applauding as the hearse with Nieuwenhuizen's body drove past. The final farewell to Nieuwenhuizen, 41, who died after the December 2 beating, was closed to the general public and media. Nieuwenhuizen, an amateur linesman, died in hospital of his injuries a day after the attack by youths belonging to Amsterdam's Nieuw Sloten club on December 2. Police have arrested four youth players so far in connection with the assault that's shocked football-mad Netherlands where some 1.2 million people out of a population of 16.5 million are members of national football federation KNVB.

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Crisis crushes millions of Europeans into new poverty

MADRID (AFP) - Crushed by an austerity squeeze and towering unemployment, millions of Europeans joined the ranks of the newly poor in 2012 in a crisis that showed no mercy for the old, women or children.

An arc of misery spread pitilessly across southern Europe's middle classes, engulfing bailed-out nations Greece and Portugal and tottering heavyweights such as the eurozone's number four economy, Spain, and number three, Italy.

"The black hole is getting bigger and bigger," fretted Mercedes Gonzalez, a 52-year-old Spaniard who has less than 800 euros (\$1,000) a month to raise her unemployed family in the Madrid suburb of Fuenlabrada.

In July, she was still pocketing the monthly state aid of 426 euros for the long-term unemployed. But the benefit was slashed to 360 euros last month, she said, and in the meantime a September 1 rise in sales tax lifted the price of food and other regular bills.

Spain is displaying all the signs of a major social crisis, with one in four workers unemployed, an unprecedented austerity squeeze by the state, cuts to education and healthcare, and thousands of indebted families thrown out of

their homes and into the streets.

In this country, where two home owners threatened with eviction recently committed suicide, as in other southern European nations such as Greece and Italy, the economic crisis is sowing implacable despair.

In Italy, the fate of an unemployed bricklayer who was being chased for unpaid taxes moved the entire country.

Giuseppe Campaniello set himself ablaze outside a tax office at the end of March and died after nine days of agony.

"You can't expect a self-employed bricklayer to pay taxes even for the months when he is not working. The state beats you up and Giuseppe paid the consequences," his 48-year-old widow said Tiziana Marrone from Bologna in central Italy told AFP.

Marrone herself is now in a

desperate situation as she has inherited her husband's massive debts and lives on an allowance of 450 euros a month. She is forced to rely on hand-outs from her pensioner mother to survive.

In Greece, the crisis delivered another fatal blow.

In Greece, where the unemployment rate is the highest among industrialised nations at 25.4 percent in August, the crisis has hit people harder than any other nation in southern Europe: 31 percent of its inhabitants were at risk of poverty or social exclusion in 2011 compared to a European Union average of 24.2 percent.

"problem or else we would have already left," Lia said.

In Portugal, too, where 24.4 percent of the population is estimated to be at risk of poverty or exclusion, the crisis has mortgaged the futures of many people.



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Health & Living

Let HIV carriers drive taxi - Madrid petition



MADRID (AFP) - A petition against a rule banning people with HIV/AIDS from driving taxis in the Spanish capital has gathered 80,000 signatures, activists said.

"This rule is an act of discrimination against those people, which is unacceptable in a modern and open society like Madrid's," the HIV/AIDS organisation Cesida said in the online petition.

It said it handed over the petition to the town hall, author of the regulation that bans people with "infectious or contagious" diseases from getting a taxi licence.

"HIV is a virus that is not contagious and is transmitted not casually but by very specific practices," but despite this it is on the list of diseases that rule a person out of getting a Madrid taxi licence, Cesida said.

Meanwhile as Spanish civil groups marked World Aids

Day, they warned that public spending cuts imposed during the country's recession were threatening care for people with the illness.

Leading Spanish labour union UGT said in a statement that state funding for programmes to fight it had fallen by 70 percent between the budgets for 2011 and 2013, from 10 million to three million euros (\$3.9 million).

It said one of the government's crisis reforms, the cutting of access to the public healthcare system for immigrants without a residency permit, was notably causing people with HIV/AIDS to miss out on treatment.

In a statement it warned of "interrupted treatment, lack of monitoring, denial of healthcare and medical prescriptions -- with the consequent danger to the life of foreigners without healthcare coverage who have HIV."

More S.African pregnant women contracting HIV

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - A new study showed increased HIV infection rates among pregnant women living in areas with high migrant labour in South Africa, the country with one of the world's highest caseloads.

Infections in the eastern province of Mpumalanga jumped from 34.7 percent in 2009 to 36.7 percent.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said some of the districts in these areas had rates above the national antenatal HIV prevalence rate of 29.5 percent.

"In areas where we see new mining operations, new towns, constructions and new people coming in, we expect something like this higher prevalence rate to happen," said Motsoaledi.

The farming and mining provinces of Free State, North West, Limpopo also recorded increases.

The study was conducted in 2011 on some 33,446 women who attended antenatal clinics for the first time.

In South Africa six million people currently live with the virus that causes AIDS.

After years of refusing to roll out drugs, the country now runs the world's largest treatment programme, serving 1.3 million people.

Health officials plan to step up awareness campaigns.

Jeans banned at Indian school to curb harassment



NEW DELHI (AFP) - An Indian college announced it had banned girls from wearing jeans, short dresses and T-shirts to crack down on sexual

harassment, sparking outrage from pupils and rights campaigners.

The Adarsh Women's College in Haryana state, said students would be fined 100 rupees (1.8 dollars) each time they broke the dress code.

"We have imposed a ban on jeans and T-shirts because these are completely Westernised and (so) are short dresses," school head Alaka Sharma told the NDTV news channel.

"The small dresses don't

cover students and that is the reason why they have to face eve-teasing."

"Eve-teasing" is a common phrase used in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan to cover offences ranging from verbal abuse to sexual assault, though it is often criticised as a euphemism that hides serious crime.

"Jeans and short tops invite attraction and also distract the students," Sharma said in a separate interview.

Skinny jeans, T-shirts and other Western fashions have rapidly grown in popularity among young Indians, spreading from cities to rural states such as Haryana, though many older people disapprove of such clothes.

Pupils at the Adarsh college, which teaches girls between 16 and 19, complained that they were being punished unfairly instead of being protected from harassment.



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Destroy lab stocks of eradicated cattle disease: OIE

GENEVA (AFP) - Most remaining laboratory stocks of a devastating cattle disease should be destroyed to ensure the eradicated virus is not back into nature, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) said.

"If someone laid their hands on an eradicated virus it could cause a global disaster," OIE chief Bernard Vallat said.

The OIE announced last year the eradication of the viciously contagious and often fatal rinderpest virus, also known as cattle plague, making it only the second virus after smallpox in humans ever to be expunged from living beings.

The problem, Vallat told AFP after speaking at a Biological Weapons Convention meeting in Geneva, is that dozens of laboratories around

the world still have samples of the virus, which has been a curse to livestock farmers throughout the ages and which has often contributed to famines that in turn have fuelled turbulence and war.

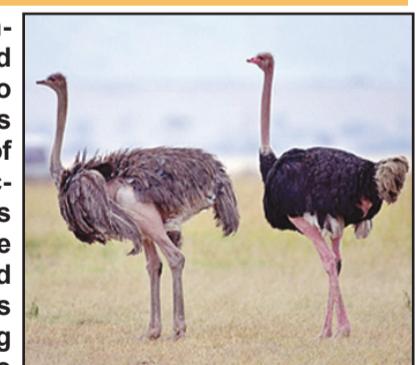
If the virus were to reappear it could spread like wildfire among livestock that is no longer vaccinated against it, he said.

To ensure that the world remains free from the disease, Vallat said his organisation was calling on all countries to either destroy their remaining stocks of the virus or to transfer their stocks to approved reference labs.

The OIE and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) had called for a moratorium on all research using the live rinderpest virus, he said.

Ostrich arteries bring bypass hope

TOKYO (AFP) - Scientists in Japan have used ostrich blood vessels to create a viable bypass in pigs, raising hopes of easier and more effective artery transplants for heart patients. The team found they could harvest blood vessels from the bird's long neck and use them to construct artificial pathways that are up to 30 centimetres (12 inches) long and as little as two millimetres (0.08 inches) in diameter.



Conventional substitutes -- taken from dead human donors, animals or made of synthetic fibres or resins -- need to be at least double that in order to prevent problems with clotting. Researchers at Yamaoka's laboratory used the new vessel in femoral artery bypass operations in five miniature pigs, bridging large arteries in their right and left thighs. They confirmed the new vessel allowed blood to flow smoothly without the use of clot-prevention agents, Yamaoka said this week, calling it the world's first success in small-diameter, long bypass operations in animals.



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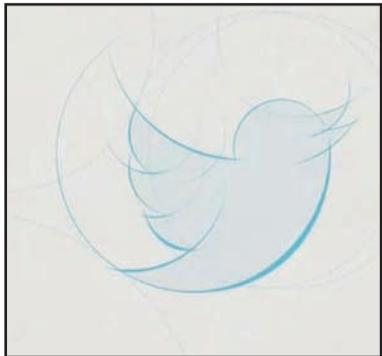
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Photo feud escalates between Instagram, Twitter



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - A social media feud between Twitter and Instagram has escalated as the Facebook-owned photo-sharing service made it impossible for Internet users to integrate images from tweets.

Instagram, which has some 100 million users, is seeking to route photo viewers to its own website, where it has the potential to make money from ads or other mechanisms, instead of letting Twitter get the benefits.

Previously, Instagram pictures shared in messages tweeted from smartphones could be viewed unaltered at Twitter.

Twitter indicated in a status update Sunday that Instagram had "disabled photo integration with Twitter" and that "as a result, photos are no longer appearing in Tweets or user photo galleries."

"While tweeting links to Instagram photos is still pos-

sible, you can no longer view the photos on Twitter, as was previously the case," Twitter said.

Last week, Instagram had made it more difficult to view pictures in tweets, with the images cropped from the posts called Twitter Cards. By Sunday, the images were no longer viewable.

The move escalates the battle between the smartphone app Instagram, which was acquired by Facebook this year, and the popular message service Twitter.

Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom told a Paris conference last week that the move was part of a shift by the photo app to direct more users to the Instagram site.

Instagram rose to stardom with the help of Twitter, but has distanced itself from the one-to-many text messaging service since being acquired by leading social network Facebook.

Instagram last month was given a Facebook spin with the roll-out of online profiles that let people showcase themselves and photos they've taken with the smartphone application.

People can share their profiles with whomever they wish as well as "follow" other Instagram users, commenting on or expressing "likes" for pictures.

The Nobel 2012



STOCKHOLM, Sweden : (1st row L-R) The Nobel 2012 laureates in physics Serge Haroche of France, David Wineland of US, the Nobel 2012 Chemistry laureates Robert J Lefkowitz and Brian K Kobilka attend the Nobel prize awarding ceremony on December 10, 2012 in Stockholm. The winners of the Nobel Prize 2012 in the categories of medicine, physics, chemistry, literature and economics receive their awards from the hands of Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf at a formal ceremony, followed by a gala banquet.

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Tablet technology takes teaching into 21st century

PARIS (AFP) - Emma McCluskey's classroom looks much like any other.

A verb chart, posters and pupils' work adorn the walls. The children lean over their desks, seven and eight-year-old brows furrowed in concentration.

In its essence, it is a scene that could have been recorded at any time since Shakespeare was at school.

Except it isn't. Instead of textbooks, the pupils are pouring over tablet computers

linked in to a wireless broadband network.

There are still pencils in their hands but for how much longer?

In an age when toddlers learn to use touchscreens before they can speak, tablet technology is about to take teaching into a brave new world, and McCluskey's students have been invited to the preview.

In September, the British School of Paris (BSP), where McCluskey teaches, became one of a handful of schools across Europe to take the plunge and decide to restructure their teaching around the technology that is already integral to its students' lives.

Like most European schools, the BSP was already linked into a virtual learning environment, with resources increasingly drawn from the Internet and classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards. But a traditional computer room arrangement meant even a well-resourced school like BSP could only get its pupils online for as little as two hours per week.



involved is still adapting and the experiment has not been without hiccups. Surfing on the move during break times, for example, had to be banned after a few children took a tumble.

But overall, the verdict is positive from both pupils and staff like McCluskey, who lights up when she talks about an upcoming project on maps.

Apple Maps glitch could be deadly: Australian police

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australian police Monday warned motorists about using Apple Maps on the iPhone's latest operating system after rescuing several people left stranded in the wilderness, saying the errors could prove deadly.

Police said at least five vehicles had become stranded in the park after drivers followed directions on their Apple iPhones, some of them after being stranded for up to 24 hours without food or water.

Apple would not comment on the problem, but referred to an earlier statement that it was doing everything it could to fix problems with the maps application in the new operating system used by the iPhone 5.

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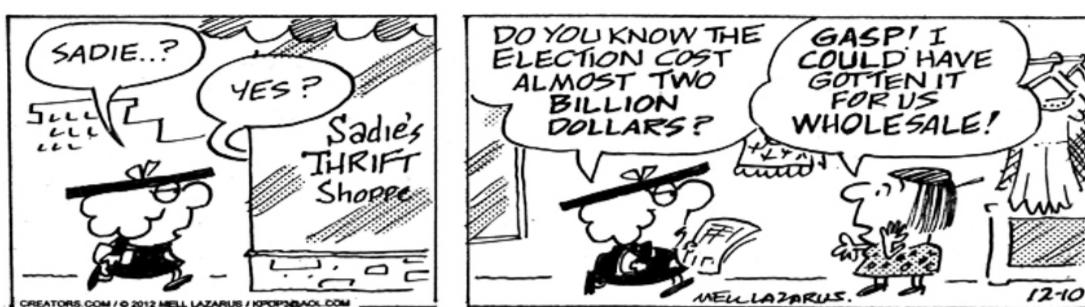
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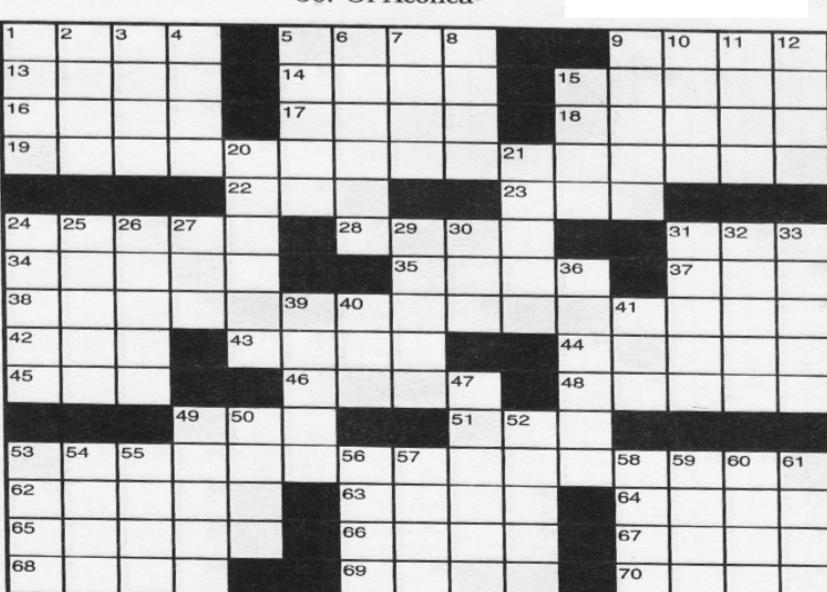
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5. Play the lead
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13. Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
14. Top-drawer
15. "From ___ shining..."
16. Lawyer Dershowitz
17. Sentence
18. Bombeck et al.
19. UN group
22. Dutch commune
23. Rx writers
24. Kohoutek, for one
28. Eins und zwei
31. Limit
34. Regard with great esteem
35. Rectangular column
37. Asian prince
38. MacArthur was one
42. White-tailed eagle
43. Trivet, often
44. "The Night They ___ Old Dixie Down" (Joan Baez)
45. Now-grounded jet
46. Lays blacktop
48. Conger fisherman
49. Baltic, e.g.
51. "Make ___ double"
53. John Mitchell, once
62. Carpenter's tool

63. Barn topper

64. Beauty spot
65. Copp of "Unmade Beds"
66. Vitality
67. Heron's cousin
68. Peat ___
69. Trust
70. Pierre's noggin

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1. Toot one's own horn
2. Character- ization
3. Mideast land
4. Wax's chum
5. Light lunch
6. Labored
7. "The King and I" character
8. Dakota Indians
9. Curl
10. Metrical foot
11. Latin abbr.
12. Pinkish
15. Plant source
20. Examine anew
21. Strike, OT-style
24. Where mademoiselles dine
25. Nose stimulants
26. Ascend
27. Stray
29. Scarcer
30. UK part
31. "Silent Night," for one
32. Sisal and yucca family
33. Less colorful
36. Of Aconc-



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40. ___ mode
41. Prior, in verse
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49. Newborns' ID prints
50. Author ___ Stanley Gardner
52. Itty-bitty
53. Cain's dad
54. ZZ Top, e.g.
55. Conway and Robbins
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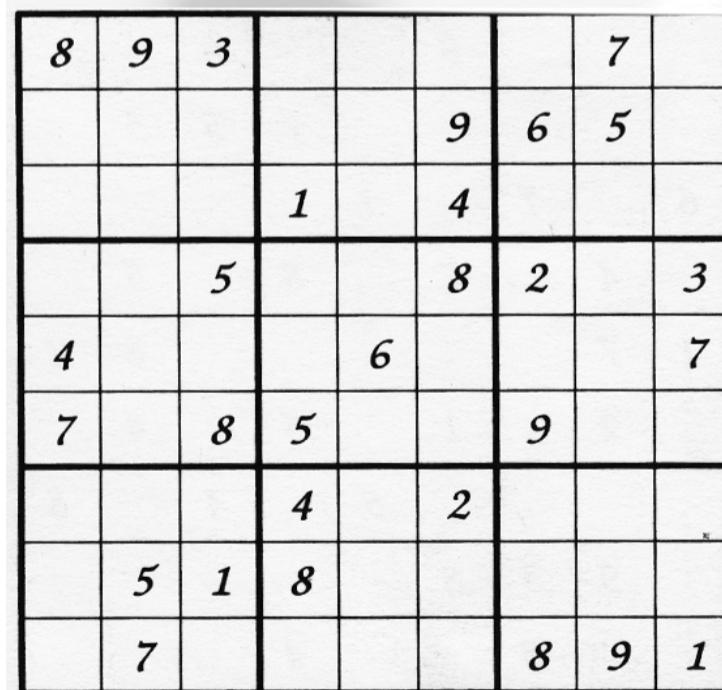
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Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	232.60
Sweden	SEK	25.91	26.63	27.21
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US oil price falls in late trade

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York oil prices fell in late trade Monday after a day mostly buoyed by upbeat economic data in top energy consumer China, as OPEC officials prepare for their meeting on the cartel's output this week, dealers said.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate crude for delivery in January, slipped 37 cents from Friday's final price to \$85.56 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for January added 31 cents to \$107.33 a barrel in London trade.

Prices were higher for most of the day, helped by good signs from China.

"Crude oil prices found some well-needed support and climbed higher, supported by fairly strong economic data from China," said Sucden analyst Myrto Sokou.

But worries about economic weakness in Europe, with Silvio Berlusconi signaling he would mount a new challenge to return as Italy's prime minister, and in the United States, where politicians are battling over the fiscal cliff, have helped dampen buying sentiment.

John Kilduff of Again Capital said that an unseasonably warm streak of weather in the US Northeast had also lowered demand for heating oil and natural gas.

Eyes will be on OPEC over the next two days. The 12-nation cartel, which pumps out 35 percent of the world's oil, will hold a regular output meeting in Vienna today.

At its last meeting in June, OPEC opted to keep its oil output ceiling at 30 million barrels per day -- after agreeing on the level a year ago -- and vowed to eliminate over-production.

But overproduction continues, with Platts estimating that production was 31.08 million barrels a day in November, down 90,000 barrels from October.

Dutch economy to take longer to recover: Central Bank

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch economy will take longer than expected to recover and will remain above the European Union's deficit target for at least the next two years, the Dutch Central Bank said Monday.

Contrary to earlier predictions, the eurozone's fifth-largest economy is expected to shrink by 0.6 percent next year, before bouncing back with 1.0 percent growth in 2014, the DNB said in a statement.

The central bank expects the Dutch economy to shrink by 1.0 percent this year.

At the same time, the Dutch public deficit is predicted to drop from 4.1 percent this year to 3.5 percent of gross domestic product in 2013 and 2014, keeping it above the EU's target ceiling of 3.0 percent.

"The world economy is also doing worse than predicted six months ago," the DNB said.

"Next year Dutch global trade will grow only by 3.5 percent where as in June it was still estimated at 7.8 percent."

But a silver lining will come in 2014, the DNB said when economic growth will return thanks mainly to an upturn in global markets.



OSLO (AFP) - European Union Nobel winners pledged at the award ceremony Monday "to stand by" the euro, saying the single currency was one of the strongest symbols of unity in the bloc's 60-year history. "Today one of the most visible symbols of our unity is in everyone's hands," said European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso. "It is the euro, the currency of our European Union. We will stand by it." The EU was handed the prize as it faces its worst crisis in six decades for turning Europe "from a continent of war to a continent of peace." Tensions between the 17 nations that share the euro and those that remain outside the single currency are heightening amid crisis-linked demands to tighten economic and monetary union. Princess Victoria of Sweden (C) attend the Nobel Gala Banquet in honor of the winners.



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Air France-KLM says will cut spending, hike profitability

PARIS (AFP) - The Franco-Dutch airline Air France-KLM said on Monday that it would pursue additional savings to become one of the most profitable European carriers by 2015.

Just five months after cutting its investment plans, the company unveiled new measures to save an additional 500 million euros (\$650 million) over the next two years.

The airline group plans to cut overall investment next year to 1.2 billion euros from an initial forecast of 1.5 billion, and to 1.4 billion in 2014, instead of 1.6 billion, boss Jean-Cyril Spinetta said during a presentation to investors.

The savings are to be made primarily by purchasing fewer new aircraft, with spending on them limited to 400 million euros in each of the coming two years, roughly one-third the amount that Air France-KLM spent in 2011.

An effort is planned however to renovate airplane interiors, especially in First Class and Business Class, noted Olivier Fainsilber, a sector analyst at Oliver Wyman in Paris.

"Investing in the front-end classes is important to remain a leader in a global market that has become more and more demanding in terms of comfort and onboard services," he noted.

Samsung, Apple top 'smart device' Q3 sales

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Samsung and Apple led the field of makers of "smart connected devices" -- tablets, smartphones and PCs -- in the third quarter as sales hit fresh records, a survey showed Monday.

Research firm IDC found that the global market for such devices grew 27.1 percent year-on-year in the third quarter to 303.6 million units, valued at \$140.4 billion dollars.

The firm said it expects shipments will continue to reach record levels in the fourth quarter, rising 19.2 percent from the third quarter's figure and 26.5 percent above the same quarter a year ago.

IDC expects sales of 362 million units with a market value of \$169.2 billion in the final quarter, with tablet sales up 55.8 percent and smartphones up 39.5 percent, while PCs are expected to show small declines.

Samsung maintained the top position with a 21.8 percent market share while Apple help 15.1 percent based on unit shipments.

But Apple led all vendors in value with \$34.1 billion in quarterly sales and an average selling price of \$744 across all device categories.

In terms of shipments, Lenovo ranked third with seven percent of the market, followed by Hewlett-Packard (4.6 percent), and Sony (3.6 percent).

IDC expects the worldwide smart connected device market will hit 2.1 billion units in 2016 with a market value of \$796.7 billion worldwide.

In 2011, PCs accounted for 39.1 percent of this market but by 2016 it is expected to drop to 19.9 percent.

Smartphones will be the top product category with share growing from 53.1 percent in 2011 to 66.7 percent in 2016 and tablets will grow from 7.7 percent in 2011 to 13.4 percent in 2016.

"Both consumers and business workers are finding the need for multiple 'smart' devices and we expect that trend to grow for several years, especially in more developed regions," said IDC's Bob O'Donnell.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Jenni Rivera -Mexican-American star singer killed in plane crash



MONTERREY (AFP) - A small plane carrying Mexican-American star singer Jenni Rivera crashed in northern Mexico on Sunday, leaving no survivors and sparking an outpouring of grief among fans and fellow celebrities. The wreckage of the Lear Jet, which was carrying six other people, was found by farmers in the state of Nuevo Leon hours after it had taken off from Monterrey on its way to Toluca, in the center of Mexico, authorities said. Radio contact with the plane was lost shortly after it took off at 3:15 am. The singer had given a concert in Monterrey Saturday night and was supposed to participate in a television show in Mexico City on Sunday, local media said. Rivera, 43, was a Californian of Mexican origin, best known for her music in genres known as Banda and Norteno. Her records have sold 15 million copies. As news of the plane's disappearance and then crash came out, fans and fellow celebrities reacted with disbelief and grief on Twitter. Rivera won several Billboard Latin Music awards, and her most recent album is featured on multiple of Billboard's charts of top hits. The album, "Joyas Prestadas," has spent 39 weeks on both the Latin Pop and the Banda charts, including a stint in the number one spots on both lists.

Hong Kong and Singapore see 12/12/12 wedding boom



HONG KONG (AFP) - Couples from Hong Kong and Singapore are flocking to tie the knot on 12/12/12, sparking a wedding boom on the century's last repeating date seen as auspicious by some to guarantee a happy marriage.

Dates like 10/10/10 or 11/11/11 have traditionally seen couples from the two places rush to get married, with registrations set to surge on December 12 this year, which is viewed as signifying "love".

Hong Kong's marriage registry said it has received 696 notifications from couples planning to get married on Wednesday, nearly four times the daily average of 177 registrations in October, according to a spokesman.

In Singapore, which is three-fourths ethnic Chinese, 540 couples have applied to be married Wednesday, statistics from the Registry of Marriages website showed -- an eight-

fold increase in the daily average for non-Muslim weddings compared to a year earlier.

Muslim weddings are recorded separately.

A wedding planner in Singapore said the date will be one of the busiest of the year for marriage-linked businesses.

The 12/12/12 registrations however have shrunk in both places compared to previous sequential dates.

The falling number this year may be partly due to the feng shui factor, as feng shui master Sammy Au told Hong Kong's The Standard newspaper that the triple 12 date is not perfect for marriage and rated it as just a "comparatively lucky day".

Au picked December 18 and 31 as better dates.

Feng shui is an ancient Chinese belief that seeks to channel good and bad psychic energy through the arrangement of furniture and ornaments. It also determines auspicious dates.

'Skyfall' snags top N. America box office slot

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The James Bond blockbuster "Skyfall" snagged the top spot at the North American box office this weekend, beating animation adventure "Rise of the Guardians".

"Skyfall," the 23rd episode of the spy thriller series, now starring Daniel Craig as 007, took in \$11 million in its fifth weekend in theaters, said industry tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Second place, with \$10.5 million, went to "Rise of the Guardians," the latest animated offering from DreamWorks.

After three weeks at number one, "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2," the fifth and final installment of the wildly popular vampire series, was bumped down to third, taking in \$9.2 million.

"Lincoln" -- starring Daniel Day-Lewis as 16th US president Abraham Lincoln -- came a close fourth with \$9.1 million.

Parked in fifth place was "Life of Pi," a 3D fantasy by Oscar-winning director Ang Lee based on a Booker prize-winning novel about an Indian boy adrift on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger in the Pacific. It garnered \$8.3 million.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" -- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -- "Full Cheese."

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of

Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses range from \$14 for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to \$18 for shrimp and \$20 for a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin range from \$12 to \$16, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walis are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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SPORTS

Golf: Perry and O'Hair win Shootout



Kenny Perry, pictured in October

NAPLES, Florida (AFP) - Kenny Perry and Sean O'Hair birdied five of the last six holes in the final-round scramble on Sunday to win the Franklin Templeton post-season event by one stroke.

The duo combined for a 12-under 60 to finish at 31-under-par 185.

O'Hair won this event for the first time, while Perry won for the third time with his third different partner and at 52 became the oldest winner in the event.

He won with John Huston in 2005 and Scott Hoch in 2008.

"All three have been different," Perry said of his Shootout victories. "John and I were pretty even partners, and then the year Scott and I won, I played fantastic that week. ... This year, my roles have been reversed, and I was complementing Sean."

Hosted by Aussie great

Greg Norman, the tournament features 24 golfers playing in two-man teams in a mixed-format of modified alternate shot, better ball, and scramble.

Perry and O'Hair, who led by two strokes going into the final round, will share \$750,000 of the \$3 million total purse.

South Africa's Rory Sabbatini and American Charles Howell threatened with a back-nine surge that included an eagle on a par-four, but even combining for a final-round 57 they came up short on 186.

"We played really well and gave ourselves a lot of opportunities," Sabbatini said. "We put a good number up there and that's all we can really do. We had a lot of fun and Charles hit the ball fantastically."

Jason Dufner and Fiji's Vijay Singh finished third at 28 under.



GREEN BAY (AFP) Mikel Leshoure #25 of the Detroit Lions is gang-tackled by members of the Green Bay Packer defense including Brad Jones #59 and A.J. Hawk #50 at Lambeau Field on December 9, 2012 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Packers defeated the Lions 27-20.



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Boxing: Indonesia's John seeks 'big money' Marquez bout

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Unbeaten Indonesian boxer Chris John is hoping to lure Juan Manuel Marquez to Singapore for a "big money" rematch after the Mexican's stunning win over Manny Pacquiao, a report said Monday.

John outpointed Marquez in Indonesia in 2006 in a decision that was disputed by the Mexican's team. Now John hopes Marquez, who knocked old foe Pacquiao out on Saturday, will be tempted to settle another Asian score.

"I will fight Marquez at any weight because it is a big money fight," John, undefeated in 50 fights and the World Boxing Association's featherweight champion since 2003, told the Straits Times.

On Saturday in Las Vegas, Marquez knocked Pacquiao cold in the sixth round of their non-title welterweight slugfest for his first victory in four meetings with the Filipino great.

"I am a much better boxer than him (Marquez) and I have more speed and skill," said John.



Chris John (R) of Indonesia lands a punch on Shoji Kimura of Japan during their World Boxing Association (WBA) Super World Featherweight title bout in May 5, 2012.

"He is a massive puncher and knocked Manny Pacquiao clean out with one punch and it is my job to make sure I do not get hit with the same punch. I want the fight and will win again."

Australian promoter Angelo Hyder said he would propose a fight at lightweight, meaning the Mexican would have to shed weight and John would

have to gain about four kilograms (nine pounds).

"Marquez and his team have always disputed the (2006) decision, even though all three judges gave it to Chris, and so boxing in a neutral place like Singapore could help make the fight happen," Hyder said. "We will approach them and try and get the fight because this is unfinished business."

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NFL: Shocked Cowboys beat Bengals day after player death

CINCINNATI (AFP) - The Dallas Cowboys, grieving the death of reserve Jerry Brown in a car crash with teammate Josh Brent at the wheel, persevered Sunday to beat Cincinnati and keep their NFL playoff hopes alive.

Brent, who had moved into a starting role at nose tackle with Jay Ratliff nursing an injury, was arrested and charged with drink driving manslaughter in the Dallas suburb of Irving on Saturday in the wake of the one-car crash that cost Brown his life.

Brent was freed from jail on bond on Sunday as the Cowboys rallied to edge a Bengals team that was riding a four-game winning streak 20-19.



DeMarcus Ware #94 of the Dallas Cowboys sacks Andy Dalton #14 of the Cincinnati Bengals

"We obviously had a very difficult situation, a tragedy, happen to our football team," Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett said.

"It's been really emotional for everybody. All we asked our team was ... to some how, some way, channel all the emotions they had into honoring Jerry in their performance."

The Cowboys trailed by nine midway through the fourth quarter, but Dan Bailey booted a 40-yard field goal as time expired to seal the victory.

That followed a 27-yard touchdown pass from Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo to Dez Bryant with 6:35 to play, which sliced the deficit to 19-17.

The game was preceded by a moment of silence -- the second time in a week that the NFL paused to mark a tragedy.

Last Sunday, there was a moment of silence at Kansas City in support of domestic violence victims -- a day after Chiefs player Jovan Belcher shot and killed his girlfriend and then turned the gun on himself.

Baseball: Dodgers reach \$36 million deal with Ryu



Pitcher Ryu Hyun-jin is flanked by agent Scott Boras, right, and Boras' South Korea representative Al Chung during news conference.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Los Angeles Dodgers say they're looking forward to watching Ryu Hyun-jin pitch for them after signing the top South Korean left-hander to a 6-year deal worth a reported \$36 million on Sunday.

The Ryu deal beat the afternoon deadline to end the 30-day exclusive negotiating window that the Dodgers had won by posting a fee of \$25.7 million, which will now go to Ryu's Korean team, the Hanwha Eagles.

That was reportedly the third-largest posting fee for such negotiating rights, following Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish's worth \$51.7 million and his compatriot Daisuke Matsuzaka's, worth \$51.1 million.

The Boston Red Sox eventually gave Matsuzaka a six-year, \$52 million contract. The Texas Rangers inked Darvish to a six-year, \$60 million contract.

Ryu has spent his entire seven-year professional career in Korea, compiling a 98-52 record with a 2.80 earned run average.

He also helped South Korea to a gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics by going 2-0 with a 1.04 ERA in two starts.

Ryu was the first player to win the Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year honors in the same season in Korea, when he went 18-6.

He averaged 15 wins a season until this year, when the Eagles finished last and he had only nine wins, along with a 2.66 ERA.

Word that the Dodgers had reached agreement with Ryu came amid reports that they were close to reaching terms with prized free agent pitcher Zack Greinke.

USA Today reported that Greinke and the Dodgers had agreed on a six-year, \$147 million deal, subject to Greinke passing a physical exam.

If that deal goes through, Ryu would potentially be joining a starting pitching rotation that includes two Cy Young Award-winners in Clayton Kershaw and Greinke, along with top hurlers Chad Billingsley and Josh Becket.

When he makes his Dodgers debut, Ryu will become the 14th South Korean to play in Major League Baseball and the fourth to play for the Dodgers after Choi Hee-Seop, Seo Jae and Park Chan Ho.

Park became the first Korean to play in the Majors when he made his debut in 1994.



ZURICH (AFP) : A picture taken from a video released by the FIFA on December 10, 2012 shows legendary Brazilian footballer Pele appearing next to cartoon children characters in a new FIFA video "which reveals 'Ten Things You Didn't Know About FIFA".

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NBA: Jazz down lackluster Lakers, while Anthony returns and helps Knicks down Nuggets



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Paul Millsap (#24) scored 24 points with nine rebounds to lead the Utah Jazz to a 117-110 NBA victory on Sunday over the struggling Los Angeles Lakers.

The Jazz withstood 34 points from Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant and have now won three straight, while Los Angeles lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

Mo Williams scored 22 points and Al Jefferson chipped in 14 with 11 rebounds for Utah.

Enes Kanter came off the bench to score 14 points with six rebounds and Gordon Hayward also contributed 14 points.

The Lakers never led in the second half and trailed by as many as 15 in the fourth quarter.

A last-gasp surge pulled the Lakers to 115-110 with 1:10 remaining, but Bryant missed two three-point attempts with less than a minute to play.

Jordan Hill added a career-high 17 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who were without Pau Gasol for the fourth successive game because of tendinitis in his knees.

Lakers coach Mike D'Antoni said before the game his current plan is to have Spain's Gasol back in the starting lineup when he returns, rather than bringing him off the bench.

Although D'Antoni benched him the fourth quarter of two games before Gasol began resting his sore knees, the coach acknowl-

edged that the team's offensive scheme had contributed to Gasol's ineffectiveness.

"There's times when we're not exploiting him, where he should be and what he's doing and everything," D'Antoni said. "So it's a little bit out of kilter and until we get it all straight and balanced then I really can't make a decision or he can't feel com-



fortable."

The Lakers were also without point guard Steve Nash, who has missed 19 games because of a broken left leg.

And in New York - Carmelo Anthony (#7) scored 34 points in his return from injury also Sunday to help the New York Knicks beat his former NBA team Denver 112-106 and remain perfect at home this season.

Anthony sat out two games after needing stitches to close a cut on the middle finger of his left hand, which he sustained in a game on Wednesday against Charlotte.

Jason Kidd scored 17 points with seven assists for the Knicks, who have now won eight of eight at Madison Square Garden this season. They are 15-5 overall and lead the Eastern Conference.

Tyson Chandler connected on 7-of-8 from the floor to score 15 points, and also pulled down 12 rebounds for New York.

Ty Lawson led six Denver players in double figures, scoring 23

points to go along with six assists and four rebounds.

Danilo Gallinari had 21 points and nine rebounds, while Andre Iguodala and Corey Brewer chipped in 15 points apiece.

Without Anthony, the NBA's third-leading scorer, the Knicks had drilled 18 3-pointers to beat the defending champion Miami Heat on Thursday.

But they struggled from the floor in a loss to Chicago on Saturday, and Knicks coach Mike Woodson was pleased to announce shortly before game time that Anthony would start.

Anthony played for just the second time against the Nuggets, who made him the third overall selection in the 2003 draft.

He helped the Nuggets reach the playoffs seven times before he was traded to the Knicks in a three-team deal last year.

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